

# **EXHIBIT 2**

## **Deposition of Juan Piza-Blondet**

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Plaintiff :

v. :

: CIVIL NO. 98-1664 (CCC)

: CIVIL NO. 98-2344 (CCC)

33,92536 ACRES OF LAND, MORE :  
OR LESS, SITUATED IN VEGA BAJA, :  
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, :  
AND JUAN PIZA BLONDET, AND :  
UNKNOWN OWNERS :

Defendants :

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DEPOSITION OF:

JUAN PIZA BLONDET

was taken on April 6, 2006 at the offices of CARLOS  
GAZTAMBIDE & ASSOCIATES, Banco Popular Center, Suite  
1515, 208 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico,  
commencing at 1:38 p.m.

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1 MR. MUNPHREY: Just ask you to qualify  
develop.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED

4 BY MR. TAPICK:

5 Q Okay. I'll rephrase the question.

6 Is there sand on the portion of your farm that you  
7 developed into the Haciendas de Tortuguero subdivision?

8 A There might be some.

9 Q And by sand, I'm referring to silica sand.  
10 Does that change your answer?

11 A No. There might be some.

12 Q Did you hire anyone to analyze the quantity of  
13 sand before you began developing the Haciendas de  
14 Tortuguero subdivision?

15 A At one point, yes.

16 Q Who did you hire?

17 A Santiago.

18 Q The Engineer Santiago who assisted you and  
19 that you referenced before?

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q Did Mr. Santiago recommend that you extract  
22 the sand prior to the development of the Haciendas de  
23 Tortuguero?

24 A Well, let's put it this way. I don't think he

1 tower property all the way to the west, west meaning to  
2 the edge of your property on the west, is that --

3 A On the Road 687, 687.

4 Q How much sand did you extract from that area?

5 A That was years ago. The thing is the people  
6 from Owens, I talked to them because of you people and  
7 now they're going to come back to the farm because they  
8 need sand.

9 They said they could get the permission so I get  
10 the, the, I fill in from the mountain, I've got two,  
11 what do you call them, "canteras". "Canteras" is where  
12 you get fill, land fill from the mountain, I got on the  
13 farm or "cerro" and you put it into the, where you take  
14 the sand out so we're going to examine, the only thing  
15 they're paying much more now than they used to pay.

16 Q So it's your testimony that you're in the  
17 process of speaking to Owens Illinois currently about  
18 extracting sand from --

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- other parts of your farm, is that correct?

21 A Yes. We want to do that. It's very good deal  
22 and they've got a problem, they're going to be closed if  
23 they don't get sand.

24 Q Have you done the talking with Owens Illinois

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1 recommended because we knew if we had silica sand, it's  
2 a great deal to sell it, so we would be in the same  
3 idea, that it would be good to sell it. I think he  
4 worked more on the lot which is next to the tower and  
5 the lot, he did do the plans, part of the plans of the  
6 Haciendas de Tortuguero and he didn't recommend because  
7 if we had sand, it's a very good deal for us.

8 Q Did you extract sand before you developed  
9 Haciendas de Tortuguero on that particular site?

10 A Well, let's say we extracted sand from the  
11 limit of the tower to the west. That would take maybe  
12 180 acres or something acres.

13 Q Is that where the Haciendas de Tortuguero  
14 Development is located?

15 A Yes, it's there. Part of that.

16 Q So your testimony is that you extracted  
17 sand from the boundary of the tower property, is that  
18 what I heard you say?

19 A Well, we wanted to extract sand from the tower  
20 but did not think it appropriate since it was rented to  
21 the government. If it had not been rented to the  
22 government, we would have extracted, there's a hell of a  
23 lot of sand there.

24 Q But you extracted sand from the edge of the

1 or is it a representative of yours?

2 A No, I talked to them.

3 Q Can you tell me who you spoke to at Owens  
4 Illinois?

5 A Yes. I have it written down. I can get the  
6 papers and I can give you the exact names and telephone  
7 numbers.

8 Q So the 34 acre portion of your farm that the  
9 FAA acquired as part of this case is not the only part  
10 of your farm that has sand deposits, correct?

11 A There was sand all over the place. Well, yes.

12 Q In your prior sand extra operations that you  
13 undertook on your farm, can you give me a time frame  
14 when they occurred? Ballpark, if you could.

15 A From '88 up. Now, far up, I don't, I can't  
16 really precise it.

17 Q Do you recall if you were in the process of  
18 extracting sand on the rest of your farm on the date of  
19 taking, December 2nd, 1998?

20 A I didn't even know I had a taking so I mean, I  
21 can't precise it. I got informed later on. It was '98,  
22 not '88, yes.

23 Q Have you formed an opinion of value for the 34  
24 acres of land that were acquired by the FAA in this